

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

ELVINS

Mrs. Asa Malone left Thursday for a week's visit with relatives in DeSoto.

C. G. Carr sold his Ford car to C. J. Sutton last week.

Mrs. Preston Burns and children of Flat River were guests of G. Thomure and family Thursday.

Mrs. C. C. Cannon of Pulaski, Tenn., is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Carr Hartshorn, and family this week.

Mrs. Carr Hartshorn and Mrs. G. W. Tidwell attended the funeral of Miss Jennie Kennedy in Farmington Friday.

Mrs. H. L. Calverd visited relatives in Farmington Friday.

R. J. Woods transacted business in Herculaneum Tuesday.

Mrs. M. D. Ferry reports the sale of 104 gallons of red plums from a few trees in her back yard.

Miss Bessie McNeil is quite ill at this writing.

A revival meeting will begin at the Methodist church next Sunday.

Miss Lorett Hulsey is visiting relatives in Madison, Ill., this week.

Mrs. M. LaGrand and children of St. Louis are the guests of Mrs. Carl Lunkey this week.

Mrs. James Horn spent Sunday with home folks in Doe Run.

Miss Lucille Vance spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Bonne Terre.

Miss Jesse May Tidwell spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Bismarck the guest of her aunt, Mrs. S. C. Biffle.

The A. E. T. class of the Methodist Sunday School will give a musical tea at the church Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served. There will be a silver offering at the door.

Miss Laura Sutton visited friends and relatives in Bismarck Tuesday and Wednesday.

There will be a mass meeting at the Baptist church Friday evening for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Red Cross organization. Everybody interested in this work should be present.

Louis Evans and son, who have been quite ill with typhoid fever, are much better at this writing.

Mrs. Sarah Fisher and grandsons, Leslie and Lester Maurer, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Maurer in St. Louis Saturday and Sunday. We are sorry to report that Mr. Maurer, who is in the Lutheran hospital there, is not so well this week.

Mrs. Chas. Waters and sister, Miss Maud O'Hearon, visited friends in St. Louis Tuesday and Wednesday.

W. B. Valla and family motored to Fredericktown Sunday.

F. K. Poston, editor of the Lead Belt Post, transacted business in St. Louis Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Maud Runk visited friends and relatives in St. Louis Monday and Tuesday.

Carr Hartshorn and family visited relatives in Bismarck Sunday.

J. Polite and family of Desloge spent Sunday and Monday with Peter Polite and family.

Noel Strauburg of Ste. Genevieve was the guest of Tom Polite and family several days last week.

Mrs. Frank Lindeman has been visiting relatives in Lesterville for the past week, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. E. Klein and son, Leo, visited friends and relatives in St. Louis several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Elvins and children, who have been visiting friends in Miami, Okla., for the past two weeks, returned home Friday.

Bert Sumpter of Leadwood visited relatives here several days this week.

Willie Willis of Miami, Okla., is the guest of friends here this week.

B. R. Whitehill transacted business in St. Louis Monday and Tuesday.

Emmett Reese, who has been working in St. Louis for the past month, returned to Elvins Monday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Reese.

Mrs. J. H. Steele and children visited friends in Doe Run the first of the week.

The Elvins Reading Club held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. G. W. Tidwell Tuesday evening to plan their work for the coming year. The club disbanded during the summer months and the first regular meeting will be next week.

Misses Ethel and Verdie Cross delightedly entertained a few of their friends Tuesday evening in honor of their cousin, Jos. Shy, who will leave in the near future for France. Various games were played. Musical numbers also added to the pleasure of the evening. Delicious refreshments were served. Those present were:

FLAT RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lawson of Ecorse, Mich., arrived the first of the week for a short visit with friends and relatives here.

Miss Edith Burns was the guest of relatives in DeSoto Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thompson of Bonne Terre visited friends here a few days the first of the week.

Miss Helen Murrill of Farmington visited friends here Tuesday and Wednesday.

ROUTE 6

Those who spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Henry Dix were: Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Niedert of Route 6, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Yeager and daughter, Miss Genevieve, Mrs. Oscar Stroeck and daughter, Miss Clara, and Mrs. Lizzie Elvins of Doe Run, and Miss Nannie Barnhouse of Bonne Terre.

Ira Murphy and Edgar Raby left Monday for a few weeks visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Murphy, of Crane, Mo.

Mrs. Otto Arnoldi and daughter, Mae, spent Sunday with Mrs. Rachael Higbee.

Miss Stella Bess, Ira Murphy and Edgar Raby spent Sunday with Della Raby.

Rev. Howe of Flat River will preach at Washita Sunday, Sept. 2. Everybody is invited.

DOE RUN

Herbert Pirkey of St. Louis was visiting his aunt, Mrs. John Mitchell, here the first of the week.

Mrs. John Phelps was the guest of her son, Walter Phelps, and family at Desloge Friday of last week.

Mrs. Pete Polite of Elvins spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Haynes, and husband, J. H. Walton came in Saturday evening from Oklahoma to be with his wife who is visiting her father, C. A. Downs, who is in poor health.

Pete Herbst was a Farmington visitor Saturday.

The Methodist and Baptist Sunday Schools had their Sunday School picnic together Tuesday at St. Francois river.

Mr. and Mrs. Druce and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Sides and children of Farmington attended the services at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Miss Rosie Herbst and brother, Walter, who were Farmington visitors Saturday, were accompanied home by their sister, Miss Anna.

Miss Edith Clark of Farmington was visiting Miss Bessie Boswell Saturday and Sunday.

The Doe Run public school will begin September 4th.

Miss Anna Revoir, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Revoir, returned to Farmington Monday, where she is employed.

Miss Louise Trauernicht of Farmington was the guest of Miss Mae Gruner Saturday and Sunday.

L. Bourgeois and daughter, Lucy, and son, Fred, were Farmington visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Revoir of Farmington were visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Revoir, during threshing, Wednesday.

SUGAR GROVE

The Sugar Grove public school will open next Monday, September 3. Miss Mary L. O'Bannon of near Knob Lick will teach.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. O'Bannon, which was born August 27th, 1917, was buried at Parkview cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

Wm. Miller and family are moving to Arcadia this week.

Stanley Haynes, who has been spending the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haynes, returned to La Porte, Ind., Tuesday, where he has employment.

Miss Edith Weiss and her little sister, Della, and Emmett spent Sunday at the home of John Haynes.

Mrs. Newman Horn and baby of Route 3 were guests of Mrs. Tom O'Bannon Saturday.

Perry Pinkston of Herculaneum visited home folks here last week-end.

Jesse Weiss of Doe Run spent Saturday night here, the guest of his sister, Miss Edith Weiss.

A crowd of young folks from this vicinity attended the ice cream social at Sprout Saturday night.

Miss Lavada Parks of Esther visited Misses Helen Haynes and Edna London a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde London moved to Flat River Monday, where Mr. London has employment with the Doe Run Lead Co.

J. F. O'Bannon spent Saturday night in this neighborhood.

Harry Noltkemper spent Sunday with his mother on Route 5.

Joe and Miss Lucy Applegate of Farmington are visiting at the home of Chas. Van Sickle.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hunt were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pinkston Sunday.

Henry Niedert and daughter, Miss Anna, returned home Monday from a short visit with relatives in St. Louis and Herculaneum.

Mrs. Newt Watts of Flat River is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thos. Horton.

CHESTNUT RIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gorder and children returned to their home in St. Louis last Saturday.

Misses Anna Knapp and Marie Cunningham of St. Louis are spending the week with their aunt, Mrs. John Marks, and uncle, John Durner, and cousin, Miss Nannie McElligott.

Wm. Porter and family left for Oklahoma last Thursday, arriving there Friday and found the place as pleasant as they had expected. Their neighbors and friends certainly miss them, but hope that God may bestow the greatest blessings on them in their new home.

Mrs. Mamie Casey of Fredericktown visited her sister, Mrs. Ira Doughty, from Thursday until Sunday. Mrs. Casey is almost 81 years old and is in very good health, except having a sore foot which she has had for 60 years. On Sunday her brother, Jim Dalton, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rudy, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Burgess, Miss Kate Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Helber and Mrs. Emma Boswell visited the home of Mr. Doughty and had the pleasure of "aunt" Mamie's second visit.

C. C. Simms traded his farm on Route 3 to Bert Beard for a small farm northeast of Farmington, and both families will move soon as Eugene Simms has recovered from typhoid fever.

Grandma Porter is visiting her old neighbors before starting to Blodgett, where she will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Burks.

ABERDEEN-ANGUS CATTLE

Records of Prices—Tops All the Breeds.

Fourteen Out of Fifteen, Grand Championships.



Probably the most practical demonstration of the merits of the Aberdeen-Angus in 1916 was presented at the International Live Stock Exposition

by the prices the packers and butchers' buyers paid for the best carload lots of the different breeds. The average prices for carload lots of fat steers are as follows:

	1916	1900-1916	Avg
	Loads	Loads	Price
	Sold	Sold	15 yrs.
Aberdeen-Angus	22	10,73	978
Hereford	16	14,94	357
Shorthorn	11	15,73	198

The foregoing sales of carload lots at auction shows that during a period of 15 years the Aberdeen-Angus have made an average of 96 cents per cwt. more than the Herefords and 61 cents more than the Shorthorns. These figures obtained from such a practical source and the following analyses are significant:

Out of a total of 440 awards Aberdeen-Angus won 49 firsts, 48 seconds and 35 thirds; Herefords, 92 firsts, 68 seconds and 45 thirds; Shorthorns, 28 firsts, 20 seconds and 44 thirds; Galloways, 1 first, 4 seconds and 2 thirds; tailed, 5 firsts, 2 seconds and 3 thirds.

The interesting feature of the Fat Carload Lot Competition is to learn how many prizes each breed won where its rivals were not represented.

We find that Aberdeen-Angus won 8 firsts, 5 seconds and 3 thirds where no Herefords, Shorthorns, etc., were shown. The Shorthorns won 19 firsts, 9 seconds and 7 thirds where no Aberdeen-Angus were shown. Herefords won 72 firsts, 54 seconds and 29 thirds where Aberdeen-Angus were absent.

By making the proper deductions from the actual awards and only taking into consideration the classes in which Aberdeen-Angus competed with Herefords or Shorthorns or both or other breeds, we find that the Aberdeen-Angus won 42 firsts, 42 seconds and 32 thirds; Herefords, 21 firsts, 15 seconds and 15 thirds; Shorthorns, 9 firsts, 11 seconds and 15 thirds.

While deductions from the above facts show clearly that Aberdeen-Angus is superior, as a climax it is only necessary to add that out of 15 possible Grand Championships offered for best carload, Aberdeen-Angus have won 12 times, Herefords twice and Shorthorns once.

Grand Champion Carcass Awards.

A review of the carcass competition of the past 15 International Live Stock Expositions reveals the fact that Aberdeen-Angus cattle and their grades have won 84 prizes out of a possible 142. This is 59 per cent of all money prizes offered. Aberdeen-Angus have also won 14 out of the 15 possible Grand Championships for dressed carcasses.

Year	Breed	Per lb.
1900	Aberdeen-Angus	.....\$1.50
	Stanley R. Pierce, Creston, Ill.	
1901	Hereford	.....50
	George P. Henry, Goodnow, Ill.	
1902	Aberdeen-Angus	.....50
	Iowa State College.	
1903	Mixed Hereford-Angus	.....25
	University of Nebraska.	
1904	Aberdeen-Angus	.....30
	University of Minnesota.	
1905	Aberdeen-Angus	.....25
	Iowa State College.	
1906	Hereford	.....not sold
	F. A. Nave, Attica, Ind.	
1907	Shorthorn	.....24
	Jas. Leask, Green Bank, Ont., Canada.	
1908	Aberdeen-Angus	.....20 1/2
	University of Indiana.	
1909	Aberdeen-Angus	.....18
	Kansas State College.	
1910	Aberdeen-Angus	.....60
	Iowa State College.	
1911	Aberdeen-Angus	.....50
	Iowa State College.	
1912	Aberdeen-Angus	.....50
	J. D. McGregor, Brandon, Man., Canada.	
1913	Aberdeen-Angus	.....not sold
	J. D. McGregor, Brandon, Man., Canada.	
1916	Hereford-Shorthorn	.....1.75
	University of Calif., Davis, Calif.	

A complete analysis of a tabulated list of awards of the single steer or heifer competition reveals very forcibly the substantial, steady growth the Aberdeen-Angus breed has made since the inception of the International Live Stock Exposition. A careful review of the awards in the classes in which single animals of all breeds competed should prove very interesting to admirers of Aberdeen-Angus, because it shows very clearly that while the Shorthorn and Hereford breeds were conspicuous by their winnings the first few years of the Show, it has become apparent during recent years that the Aberdeen-Angus bulls have gained prizes in overwhelming numbers over the Hereford and Shorthorn.

(Fifth of a series of articles on the purebred cattle industry, containing facts and figures of striking importance and value to every farmer and stock raiser. For free illustrated literature, history, show records and list of American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association members, address Chas. Gray, Secy., Record Bldg., Union Stock Yards, Chicago.)

Ozark Business College
Fall Opening September 4th

Positions, high salaries, quick promotions, for all who qualify. Government declares patriotic duty for those who can to serve in office positions. Order books now. All questions gladly answered.

Geo. A. Miller, Farmington, Mo.

BISMARCK

Quincy Bellnap is on the sick list. G. W. Fieldson of St. Louis is here visiting friends.

Clarence Yeager of Tulsa, Okla., spent the week-end here with friends. Miss Fuel Beard is visiting friends at Elvins.

Fischer Shaner of St. Louis is here spending his vacation with relatives. Mrs. Mary Nolte, Mrs. Murphy, Rev. Webb, Hugh Steele, E. A. Beard and Otto West attended the Franklin Baptist Association at Flat River last week.

Miss Hazel Evans of Ironton, who was a former resident of this city, is suffering with a serious attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Virginia White of Marquand was a recent visitor at the home of Dr. F. W. Gale.

John Powers, Jr., is visiting friends in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Misses Kathleen Lentz and Ruth Creager are spending the remainder of their vacation with friends in the Lead Belt.

Mrs. Bert Chance has gone to a hospital in St. Louis for medical treatment. Mrs. Chance has been seriously ill for several days.

Miss Birdie McGuire of Elvins spent the week-end here with friends.

Sterling Dent is advertising his household goods for sale. Mr. Dent and family will leave for California in the near future.

Clarence Heitman is visiting friends in St. Louis.

Chester Beard has gone to Bartsville, Okla., to accept a position that has been offered him there.

The remains of Mrs. Clifford of Ste. Genevieve were brought here Tuesday and interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

"DOLLAR WATCH" NOW COSTS \$1.35, DUE TO EFFECTS OF THE WAR

"Dollar watches" now cost \$1.35 because of the war. Time has changed and so has its price, and the war is responsible for both, according to Wm. H. Ingersoll, watchmaker, among the speakers at the Jewelers' Convention at the Planters' Hotel in St. Louis Wednesday.

When asked by a reporter what the war has to do with watches and the price of them, he explained:

"First of all, the reason of the increased price of the Ingersoll watch is the increased cost of material. When the European war broke out, copper jumped from 11 cents to 34 cents a pound; spelter, which combines with copper to make watch brass, jumped from 8 cents to 50 cents per pound.

"Vast war orders for munitions began coming to this country and attracting labor with higher wages. Munition factories took men from my factory. In order to hold my men, had to raise their wages 40 per cent. The cost of materials and the shortage of labor made it necessary to raise the cost of the watch 35 cents."

But the demand for the "dollar watch" is as great as ever, Ingersoll declared.

"Prior to the war we had been turning out more than 19,000 watches a day," he said. "We could turn out about 25,000 watches daily now if we could get the labor. Hundreds of thousands of our wrist watches have been bought for European soldiers, but the demand from our own soldiers is so great now we cannot supply Europe any more."

The continuance of the war, he said, may cause another price increase. He said the taking of our men for military duty may result in a serious shortage of labor, and wages would have to be increased, which the purchaser would have to pay.

He was optimistic, however, concerning the end of the war.

"I do not think it will last much longer," he said. "My men traveling in Europe bring more and more encouraging reports. One salesman lately from Switzerland told me that Germany is due for an internal breakdown soon. Everything has gone to ruin and is out of repair. Vehicles about to fall apart are driven through the streets of Germany and cannot be repaired through lack of material. I do not see how they can continue."

Uphold the war for democracy and make the Kaiser sore.

"Fighting Bob" LaFollette should now be known as "Sniping Bob."

As for the critter that bites the hand that feeds it, there are "too many of him" in this land of the free and the home of the good natured.

MISSOURI FARMERS

MORE PROSPEROUS THAN EVER BEFORE

Persons who have been in mining towns in boom days can form some idea of the enthusiasm in the rural districts of Missouri at this time. The farmers, old and young, see wealth ahead as certainly as did any miner who ever broke his back trying to reach a lead of ore that would insure him a fortune.

The farmers talk of crops and high prices and little else when they find time to talk at all. Farming never had such a boom in this State as it is enjoying now. For fifty years or more the average farmer in this State has considered his lot a hard one. Unexpectedly, conditions have changed.

The days when a shrewd real estate man could trade some worthless city property for a big farm with a mortgage on it are gone. There is little rural land for sale, and it is not on the market at exorbitant rates. Good rural land is much higher in price now than it ever was before and farmers who want to sell out and go West to mend their fortunes are very scarce. Farmers are not leaving Missouri now and taking chances on Oklahoma or any other State. They are making money as they never made it before and the future looks rosy to them.

Prosperity Is Everywhere. These conditions are so apparent anywhere in the rural districts as to obviate the necessity for picking out certain spots here and there. There is something of a craze on in the country districts to get plenty while the getting is good. It is suspected that this will be attended by some evil results. In some localities, for example, farmers are holding on to their corn under the belief that \$2.20 a bushel is not the high water mark, although it is the highest price corn ever sold for in this State. In view of the almost certainty of a record-breaking crop being gathered, not a few well-informed farmers and stock raisers expect much lower prices will prevail.

Immediately following the wheat harvest, and before some of the grain was threshed, wheat was sold at from \$2 to \$2.30 a bushel. There was a brief lull, and the grain went up to \$2.50 and stuck there. This caused some of the farmers to think that everything they have to sell ought to command a much higher market price than is offered. Just now it seems a great many farmers do not know what to ask for their products. They are afraid that if they sell today the market will go skyward tomorrow.

Farmers Working Hard. A large percentage of the farmers, so competent authorities report here, are besides themselves with expectations for the future, not to mention the gains in possession or within easy sight. The market prices of all kinds of farm products have been jumping from one high point to a still higher point, until the producers have lost all their old marks of reckoning and are drifting about on tinted clouds and dreaming dreams that farmers never dreamed before. It may be said, however, that while they are dreaming, they are not idle. Never did they have such a stimulus to work. They know that the golden stream will pass at their feet for at least one more year.

Boys with sense enough to come in out of the wet are not leaving the farms for the cities these days. There is nothing to lure them from the certainty of a great reward for their labor. Never did the farm promise so much as it does now. The old rural saw about going into the brush and shaking a pawpaw bush and picking up a bushel of money, is nearer realization now than ever before.

Just Received

Car of Woven Wire Fence and Bale Ties

MELL & PHILLIPS
FARMINGTON, MO.

Closing-Out
SALE

—of—
Spring Trusses

Laakman's
DRUG STORE